Captain Thompson and others should attend at the Islands for the carracks or other Spanish ships coming from Mexico or other paits of the West Indies This direction took good effect, for the King of Spain's Admiral receiving intelligence that the English Fleet was come on the coast, attended to defend the south parts of Spam, and to keep himself as near Sir Martin Frobisher as he could to impeach him in all things that he might undertake, and thereby neglected the safe conduct of the carracfcs

Before the fleet severed themselves, they met with a great Biscayan on the Spanish coast, called the *Santa Clara,* a ship of 600 tons, which after a reasonable hot fight was entered and mastered, being found to be freighted with all sorts of small iron work as horse shoes, nails, plough shares, iron bars, spikes and the like, valued by our men at *£6000* or *£7000* but worth to them treble the value This ship, which was sailing towards St Lucar, there to take in further provision for the West Indies, was first rummaged and after sent for England

The fleet now coasted along towards the south cape of St. Vincent, and on the way about the Rock near Lisbon, Sir John Burgh in the *Roebuck* spying a sail afar off gave her chase, which being a flyboat and of good sail drew him far southwards before he could fetch her Not long after, sailing back toward the rest of his company he discovered the Spanish fleet to seaward of him, and they also having espied him between them and the shore spread themselves before him , but trusting to God's help only he thrust out from among them , and knowing that it was but folly tq expect a meeting there with Sir Martin Frobisher (who when he understood of this armada as well as himself

would be sure not to come that way) he began to shape his course towards the Azores

Arriving before Flores upon Thursday, the 2ist of June, towards evening, accompanied only with Captain Caulfield and the master of his ship, for the rest were not yet arrived, he made towards the shore with his boat, finding all the people of Santa Cruz in arms to bar their landing and ready to defend their town from spoil Sir John contrariwise made signs to them by advancing a white flag which was answered with the like

Whereupon ensued intercourses of friendship, and pledges were